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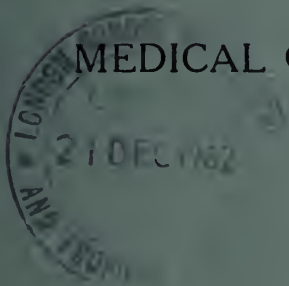
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OF THE
BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

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Mr. P. Allen

Municipal Offices,
Faversham.

June, 1959.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Borough for 1958 including a report on the Port Health Area.

The Registrar General has estimated the population at 12,340 showing an increase on the previous year of 40. The corrected birth rate 17.8 compares favourably with that of England and Wales 16.4 while the corrected death rate 8.2 and infantile mortality rate 18.9 compare very favourably with the Country as a whole, the rates being respectively 11.7 and 22.5. This infantile mortality rate for England and Wales is the lowest ever recorded.

Although the number of notifications of infectious disease received was 408, measles accounted for 360. Except for Pneumonia there were no deaths from infectious disease. Similarly to last year four new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified - no deaths occurred. From September vaccination against Poliomyelitis was given to 15-25 year old group and although 217 would represent only a small percentage it is anticipated that during the current year very many more in this age group will be vaccinated.

During the year two factories designated as offensive trades were opened at Marsh Works, Oare, adjacent to another factory which processes fertilisers from hoof and horn. Rather numerous complaints have been received from inhabitants of a village about 400 yards away concerning nauseous odours, and the Council as well as adopting the Model Bye-Laws relating to offensive trades are pursuing vigorously a policy which is hoped will prevent these factories sending their offensive smells into residential areas.

The work of the Public Health Department proceeded smoothly throughout the year but occasionally a heavy burden is put upon the small staff of one Health Inspector as in the case of the Lebanese apples of which a proportion of 250 tons had to be inspected and dozens of samples sent to the County Analyst.

There were no new areas submitted for slum clearance during the year as there would be an inevitable waiting time following representation in December of the previous year of the relatively large Upper Brents compulsory purchase area. In order to carry out the proposed initial slum clearance programme it is estimated that almost 80 houses remain to be dealt with which will still leave a number of rather substandard properties especially when viewed from amenity standards.

I would like to thank Mr. Hurn your Public Health Inspector for the willing and pleasant manner in which he carries out his duties and also the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and advice during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. Murphy,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

Climatology

The total rainfall during the year was 31.58 inches as compared with 23.08 inches in 1957 and 25.48 inches in 1956.

The Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A"

Area

There has been no change in the area of the Borough, it remains at 3,070 acres.

Population

The estimated mid-year population for 1958 as given by the Registrar General was 12,340, an increase of 40 from the estimated population for the previous year 1957, i.e. 12,300.

Number of Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1958 was 4,606 as compared with 4,556 at the end of 1957. Towards this increase 42 houses were provided by the Council, 10 houses and Almshouses converted to flats and 26 were constructed privately. During the year 28 houses were demolished. The net increase in habitable houses was 50.

Rateable Value

£144,132 compared with £144,308 on the 31st December, 1957.

Sum Represented by the Penny Rate

£558 2s. 9.85d., compared with £559 18s. 10.372d., for the financial year 1956/57.

SECTION II
VITAL STATISTICS

1. LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate	115 (108)	91 (109)	206 (217)
Illegitimate	<u>1 (5)</u>	<u>4 (1)</u>	<u>5 (6)</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>116 (113)</u>	<u>95 (110)</u>	<u>211 (223)</u>

2. BIRTH RATE

The Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population was	...	17.1 (18.1)
The Corrected Birth Rate	...	17.8 (18.8)
Rate for England and Wales	...	16.4 (16.1)

3. STILL BIRTHS

Number of still births	...	5
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	23.2 (26.2)
Rate for England and Wales	...	21.6 (22.5)

4. INFANT DEATHS

Number of infant deaths	...	4
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	...	18.9 (35.9)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	14.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	200
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 live births	...	14.2 (26.9)
Number of early neo-natal deaths (first week)	...	3

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occurring during 1958 were as follows:-

Cause of Death	Sex	Age	Place of Death
Congenital polycystic disease of kidneys	F	35 mins.	Hospital
Asphyxia	M	newly born	Ladies lavatory Back Lanes, Fav.
Prematurity, 33 wks. gestation birth weight 3 lbs 12ozs.	M	1 day	Hospital
Acute Haemorrhagic Bronchopneumonia	M	2 months	Home

5. ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

Number of illegitimate live births was 5
 This is 2.4 of total live births

6. MATERNAL DEATHS

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

7. DEATHS

Number of deaths assignable to Faversham 195 (258)
 The Crude Death Rate per 1,000 15.8 (20.9)
 The Corrected Death Rate 8.2 (9.6)
 Rate for England and Wales 11.7 (11.5)

The following table shows the age groups in which the deaths occurred:-

TABLE I

SEX	Under one year	1+	5+	15+	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	75+	85+	TOTALS
MALES	3	-	-	2	2	4	4	11	29	26	23	104
FEMALES	1	-	2	-	2	1	3	9	8	33	32	91
TOTALS	4	-	2	2	4	5	7	20	37	59	55	195

The average age at death was 71.5 years, being 68.1 for males and 74.8 for females. The oldest death was that of a female aged 99 years.

43 deaths occurring at Bensted House during 1958 were assignable to the Borough.

Table II shows the number of death, birth and infant mortality rates since 1948 and Table III the causes of death during 1958 classified by the Registrar General under 36 headings on the abbreviated list of the International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Cause of Death.

TABLE II

Births, Deaths and Infant Mortality - 1948-58

Year	BIRTHS			DEATHS		INFANT MORTALITY	
	Illegitimate births	Total live births	Crude birth rate	No. of deaths	Crude death rate	Total infant deaths	Infant mortality rate
1948	16	225	18.5	166	13.6	8	35.5
1949	9	218	17.6	184	14.9	4	18.3
1950	4	188	14.9	157	12.4	8	42.5
1951	6	175	14.2	150	12.2	5	28.5
1952	12	203	16.6	267	21.8	5	24.6
1953	13	191	15.5	232	18.9	4	20.9
1954	4	198	16.1	220	17.9	3	15.2
1955	5	190	15.4	227	18.4	5	26.3
1956	6	180	14.6	266	21.6	11	61.1
1957	6	223	18.1	258	20.9	8	35.9
1958	5	211	17.1	195	15.8	4	18.9

TABLE III

Classification of Causes	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
2. Tuberculosis, other	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
3. Syphilitic disease	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
4. Diphtheria	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
5. Whooping Cough	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
6. Meningococcal infections	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
8. Measles	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2 (5)	1 (7)	3 (12)
11. " " lungs, bronchus	3 (8)	1 (1)	4 (9)
12. " " breast	- (-)	2 (2)	2 (2)
13. " " uterus	- (-)	1 (2)	1 (2)
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	8 (14)	7 (7)	15 (21)
15. Leukamia, aleukaemia	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
16. Diabetes	1 (-)	1 (3)	2 (3)
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	20 (24)	20 (23)	40 (47)
18. Coronary disease, angina	18 (17)	7 (11)	25 (28)
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2 (2)	2 (1)	4 (3)
20. Other heart disease	22 (40)	39 (34)	61 (74)
21. Other circulatory disease	4 (2)	1 (4)	5 (6)
22. Influenza	- (3)	1 (4)	1 (7)
23. Pneumonia	5 (4)	2 (1)	7 (5)
24. Bronchitis	4 (6)	- (1)	4 (7)
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1 (2)	- (2)	1 (4)
27. Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	- (-)	- (1)	- (1)
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	2 (1)	- (1)	2 (2)
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
31. Congenital malformations	- (-)	1 (1)	1 (1)
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7 (6)	1 (11)	8 (17)
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2 (2)	1 (-)	3 (2)
34. All other accidents	1 (2)	1 (-)	2 (2)
35. Suicide	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)
36. Homicide and operations of war	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
All Causes	104 (140)	91 (118)	195 (258)

(Figures in brackets refer to preceding year)

SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1958 was 408, being 89 more than the previous year, i.e. 319 cases in 1957.

Measles accounted for 360 notifications as against 74 during the previous year. Measles has occurred in the Borough every year during the past decade, and does not appear to follow any pattern - two major outbreaks occurring after four years whilst two other epidemics occurred biennially. The disease was mainly mild.

Scarlet Fever has kept at a relatively low level during the past decade - the disease is mild and the majority of the patients are nursed at home. The criterion for admission to hospital depends now on the social circumstances of the family and has no relationship to the severity of the disease.

Three cases of whooping cough were notified as against 202 in the previous year - as the level of immunisation against this disease is built up major epidemics should disappear.

Total number of Infectious Diseases occurring and the number admitted to Hospital and total deaths from diseases are shown in Table V and the age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table IV.

TABLE IV

Age Group Distribution - Infectious Diseases

DISEASE	-1	-5	-15	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	Over 60	Totals
Scarlet Fever	-	4	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Whooping Cough	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Measles	4	150	206	-	-	-	-	-	-	360
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	10	10	24
Dysentery	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	4

TABLE V

DISEASE	No. of Cases 1958 1957		Admission to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	15	(6)	3	-
Whooping Cough	3	(202)	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	(7+)	-	-
Measles	360	(74)	1	-
Pneumonia	24	(23)	4	7
Dysentery	2	(-)	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	(1)	-	-
Tuberculosis				
Pulmonary	4	(4)	2	-
Non-Pulmonary	-	(2)	-	-
Totals	408	(319)	10	7

Table VI shows the incidence of notification of infectious disease in the Borough in 1958 in comparison with the previous ten years.

TABLE VI

DISEASE	1948	'49	'50	'51	'52	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58
Scarlet Fever	6	14	34	3	5	2	2	4	7	6	15
Measles	206	13	373	106	372	79	4	447	2	74	360
Whooping Cough	46	8	49	256	9	79	107	5	14	202	3
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	4	1	7+	-

+ Four cases confirmed.

Table VI continued on page eleven.

TABLE VI Continued

Incidence of Infectious Disease during the undermentioned years

DISEASE	1948	'49	'50	'51	'52	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58
Erysipelas	3	1	2	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	5	10	8	14	15	18	9	17	18	23	24
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	2
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	45	-	-	1	-	8	1	3	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-	3	-	2	1	-	1	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS1. Incidence and Deaths

Four cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year 1958, which equals the number notified during the preceding year.

In regard to Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, no cases were notified. During the period under review no deaths from Pulmonary or Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified.

Table VII shows the number of cases notified and the deaths attributed to Tuberculosis since 1948.

The number and types of cases at present in the Area and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table VIII. Figures in brackets refer to preceding year.

TABLE VII

Year	No. of Primary Notifications received		Deaths		Death rate per 10,000 Population	
	PUL.	NON-PUL.	PUL.	NON-PUL.	PUL.	NON-PUL.
1948	23	8	6	1	4.9	0.8
1949	8	8	5	1	4.1	0.8
1950	4	5	2	-	1.5	-
1951	8	1	5	-	4.0	-
1952	20	1	3	-	2.4	-
1953	9	2	-	-	-	-
1954	6	-	4	-	3.3	-
1955	1	-	2	-	0.8	-
1956	11	1	-	-	-	-
1957	4	2	1	-	0.8	-
1958	4	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE VIII

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Totals
	M	F	M	F	
On Tuberculosis Register 1/1/58	45 (46)	36 (38)	12 (12)	8 (9)	101 (105)
Transferred to Bor'gh	- (2)	2 (3)	- (-)	- (-)	2 (5)
Notified in Borough	3 (4)	1 (-)	- (1)	- (1)	4 (6)
Returned to Borough	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	48 (52)	39 (41)	12 (13)	8 (10)	107 (116)
Deaths	2 (1)	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	3 (1)
Removed from Borough	- (6)	1 (4)	- (1)	- (1)	1 (12)
Recovered	1 (-)	2 (1)	- (-)	1 (1)	4 (2)
Balance remaining on Register 31/12/58	45 (45)	36 (36)	11 (12)	7 (8)	99 (101)

I am indebted to Dr. O. Clarke, Consultant Chest Physician for the following further particulars regarding patients from the Faversham Area:-

- (a) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended the Chest Clinic during 1958 (this includes contacts etc.) ... 209
- (b) Total number of attendances during the year of patients in (a) above ... 432
- (c) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who received Sanatorium treatment during the year ... 7

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

1. Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

The County Medical Officer reports that during the year the following have received vaccination:

AGE GROUP	COURSE OF TWO INJECTIONS	3rd INJECTION
0-5 years	530	137
5-15 years	915	253
Adults	217	19

The table following shows the diphtheria immunisation, whooping-cough immunisation and smallpox vaccination, figures for 1958, based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer:-

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox		Whooping-Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Revaccination	Primary
1958	19	-	61	-	56
1957	122	1	81	-	129
1956	22	1	4	-	18
1955	4	1	1	1	4
1954	4	5	5	-	3
1953	5	62	-	-	2
1952	3	27	1	-	-
1951	1	4	1	-	-
c/fd 180		114	154	1	212

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Continuation of Immunisation and Vaccination table on page 13

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox		Whooping-Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Revaccination	Primary
b/fd	180	114	154	1	212
1950	3	2	3	-	1
1949	2	3	1	1	-
1948	-	3	4	-	-
1947	-	2	2	-	-
1946	-	1	1	1	-
1945	-	2	1	1	-
1944	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1944	-	-	17	12	-
TOTALS	185	114	183	16	213

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

1. National Health Services

. Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These Services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation, Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Help Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.

Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:-

Clinics and Sessions

(a) Queen's Hall

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Child Welfare	Tuesday and Friday	2 - 4 p.m.

(Immunisation and Vaccinations are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Friday afternoon, if required.)

(b) School Clinic

Solomon's Lane

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Relaxation Classes	Monday	2.30 - 3.30 p.m.
Minor Ailments Clinic	(Wednesday (Saturday	9 - 10 a.m. 9 - 12 noon
Dental Gas Clinic	Tuesday	9 - 12 noon
Dental	Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.

(c) Chest Clinic

South Road

Thursday (by appointment) 10.30 a.m.

Cases for X-ray and Artificial Pneumothorax are referred to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital as and when required.

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made to the Kent County welfare Office,
12 West Street, Faversham. Monday - Friday, half day Saturday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This clinic is held every Thursday at 5.0 p.m. Appointments
are made through St. Augustine's Hospital.

2. School Health Service

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer for the following
information of the work of the School Health Service in the Borough.

(i) Medical Inspection

(a) Number of children inspected (periodic inspections) 1,151 (1,382)

(b) Number found requiring treatment 172 (115)

(c) Percentage requiring treatment 14.9% (8.3%)

(d) Number of main defects requiring treatment:-

Eyes	104 (58)
Ear, Nose and Throat	26 (10)
Orthopaedic	31 (26)
Heart and Circulation	- (1)
Lungs	2 (18)

(ii) Classification of General Condition of Pupils

Age Groups	Number of Pupils Inspected	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No.% of Col.(2)		No.% of Col.(2)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Entrants	181	181	100.0	-	-
Second Age Group	266	266	100.0	-	-
Third Age Group	100	100	100.0	-	-
Other Periodic Inspections	604	603	99.8	1	0.2
Totals	1,151	1,150	99.9	1	0.1

(iii) Dental Inspection and Treatment

(a) Number of children inspected	2,569	(2,248)
(b) Number found to require treatment	1,205	(1,141)
(c) Percentage requiring treatment	46.9%	(50.8%)

(iv) Infestation with Vermin

(a) Total number of examinations in the schools by the School Nurses or other authorised persons	1,981	(2,512)
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	19	(20)
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2) Education Act, 1944)	-	(-)

SECTION VSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA1. General Sanitary Circumstances(a) Water Supply

There has been no alteration under this heading during the year. Water is pumped by the Faversham Water Company from their pumping stations at Ospringe and Copton to their reservoir at Porter's Lane after chlorination at Copton. Eleven samples were taken by the Company for bacteriological examination and four for chemical analysis during the year. The results were highly satisfactory. Of a total of 4,478 houses in the Council's district 10 do not receive a main supply. These are mainly in the Ham Farm and Hollow Shore areas where the supply is from a constantly running artesian bore.

(b) Drainage and Sewerage

270 yards of new sewer were laid during the year in connection with the Council's Lower Road Housing Scheme.

(c) Scavenging

This service is undertaken under the direction of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, house and trade refuse being disposed of at the tips at Preston and Ospringe brickfield.

(d) School Sanitation

As reported last year this is generally satisfactory and well maintained.

(e) Public Conveniences

The maintenance of the public conveniences is carried out under the direction of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. There were no alterations during the year and the conveniences are well maintained.

(f) Hop Pickers Camps

The two camps in the district at Queen Court and Westwood Court were occupied during the season. With the advent of the hop-picking machine, one of which has been installed at Queen Court, it is anticipated that the number of people now accommodated at this camp will decrease accordingly in subsequent years.

(f) Hop Pickers Camps - Continued

This, in some respects appears regrettable as, given good weather and reasonable accommodation, the few weeks in the countryside must prove of considerable benefit particularly to the children.

Both camps were visited prior to and during occupation. The camps were maintained in a reasonable condition and nothing of note occurred during the season.

(g) Mortuary Accommodation

There has been no alteration under this heading -- the mortuary at the Cottage Hospital being used as necessary.

2. Inspection and Supervision of Food(a) Milk

Three premises are registered as dairies and there are four registered distributors. Milk is pasteurised at two dairies under the auspices of the Food and Drugs Authority, i.e. The Kent County Council. Licences were granted for the year as follows:-

To Retail Pasteurised Milk	...	1
To Retail Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	3
To Retail Sterilised Milk	...	24

(b) Meat

The one licensed slaughterhouse at Flood Lane continues to operate under the direction of a syndicate of local butchers. The number of animals slaughtered during the year showed another decrease on the preceding year, 3,235 being slaughtered in 1957 and 2,959 in 1958, a difference of 276.

The slaughterhouse is maintained in as good a condition as can be expected in view of its age and amenities but there is no doubt that considerable alterations and additions will become essential in the light of new legislation.

18 cwts. 13lbs., of meat and offal was condemned on account of diseased conditions during the year. Table IX which follows shows particulars of animals slaughtered and those found to be affected by diseased conditions.

TABLE IX

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	367 (385)	7 (18)	42 (61)	810 (923)	1,733 (1,848)	2,959 (3,235)
Number inspected	367 (385)	7 (18)	42 (61)	810 (923)	1,733 (1,848)	2,959 (3,235)
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (1)	5 (1)	5 (2)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	56 (65)	- (1)	- (-)	11 (15)	48 (43)	115 (124)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	15.2% (16.8%)	- (5.5%)	- (-)	1.3% (1.7%)	3.0% (2.3%)	
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	5 (9)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)	6 (9)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.3% (2.3%)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	0.05% (-)	
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

(c) Other Foods

Approximately 1 ton 15 cwts. of assorted foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption, these being mainly tinned products, miscellaneous groceries, fish, etc..

In addition to the above, over $8\frac{1}{2}$ tons of imported assorted fruit, 1,359 cases of grape fruit and 13,243 boxes of apricots which had been consigned to Messrs. East Kent Packers for sorting were condemned on account of decomposition. This firm also undertook the immense task of cleaning over 250 tons of imported Lebanese apples found to be contaminated with lead arsenate as the result of residual spray.

(d) Preparation of Preserved Food

Fish-frying, the cooking of hams, etc. and sausage manufacture are included under this heading and twenty-seven premises are registered for these purposes.

Routine inspections were made and the premises found to be well maintained generally.

(e) Ice-Cream

Fifty-seven premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream. None is manufactured in the district but is sold in a pre-packed condition as received from the manufacturers.

(f) Bakehouses

There are seven bakehouses, and routine inspections have shown them to be generally well kept.

(g) Food Premises

The following table shows the premises where food is sold or handled and the number of inspection made.

TABLE X
FOOD PREMISES

PREMISES	NUMBER	NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS
Butchers and Pork Butchers	15	117
Grocers	23	91
Fishmongers	4	60
Fish Fryers +	6	10
Bakers and Confectioners	13	24
Green Grocers	9	19
Dairies	3	12
Cafes and teashops	8	32
Hotels	5	7
General Shops	35	39
Ice-Cream premises +	57	41
Preserved Foods +	27	65
TOTALS	205	517

+ Registered under Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16.

(h) Food and Drugs, 1955

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council.

<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>
Benadryl Cream	...
Benzac Tablets	...
Blackberries in Syrup	...
Buttered Cheese Spread	...
Cherries in Syrup	...
Children's Blackcurrant Linctus	...
Cream	...
Creamed Rice Milk Pudding	...
Essence of Rennet	...
Fruit Salad in Heavy Syrup	...
Fruit Syrup	...
Gin	...
Glycerine, honey and lemon Jubes	...
Gon Tablets	...
Gooseberries in Syrup	...
Marzipan	...
Milk	...
Milk Powder, Spray Process	...
Pears in Syrup	...
Pertusa Children's Cough Linctus	...
Plums in Syrup	...
Puff Pastry	...
Quality Lollie	...
Quolli Lollie	...
Sherbo Fizz	...
Snocreame Lollie	...
Snofruit Lollie	...
Strawberries in Heavy Syrup	...
Tonic Phosphates	...
Whipped Choc Snowballs	...
Whisky	...
<u>Summary</u>	<u>Total</u>

Milks25
 Drugs 7
 Spirits 3
 Other samples30

Total 65

(h) Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Continued

With the exception of the following all samples taken by the County Sampling Officer were genuine:-

<u>Sample of</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Milk Powder	Solubility 92%, moisture	
Spray	8.2%. Lumpy and contained	Stock withdrawn
Process.	mouldy particles. Taste	from use.
	stale and mouldy	

3. Disinfection and Disinfestation

One disinfection was carried out during the year upon request after the death of an aged person. No disinfections in connection with infectious disease were necessary. Three disinfestations for bed-bugs were carried out at Council houses.

4. Rag Flock Act, 1951

There were no premises in the district to which this Act applies.

5. Pet Animals Act, 1951

Three premises are licensed for the sale of pet animals. These deal in small animals such as cage-birds, rabbits, tortoises, etc.. Inspections have shown the premises to be well-kept.

6. Rodent Control

The services of a part-time operator from the Council's Highway Staff are still retained and this arrangement works very well. The operator is conscientious and carried out the duties in an able manner. During the year 630 various properties were inspected and 225 treatments carried out. The following table shows the particulars of inspections and treatments.

TABLE XI

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				TOTAL
	Local Authority	Dwelling-house.	Agricultural	All other including Business Premises	
1. Total Number of Properties in Local Authority's District	23	4,311	17	437	4,788
2. Number of Properties inspected by Local Authority	23	377	9	216	625
3. No. of Properties inspected found to be infested by rats	6	146	2	28	176
4. No. of Properties inspected found to be seriously infested with mice	-	30	-	13	43
5. No. of Properties treated by Local Authority	6	176	2	41	225

7. Offensive Trades

During the year two factories scheduled as offensive trades were established at Marsh Works, Oare, on the site of the old gun-powder factory. These industries process waste from butchers' shops, etc., for the extraction of fat, animal feeding stuffs and fertilizers.

They are the first industries of the kind to be established in the Council's district and it will be essential that suitable Byelaws be adopted to control satisfactorily their operation.

Immediately adjoining these factories is one established in the old power house which processes imported hoof and horn material by the use of super-heated steam. Although this is not scheduled as an offensive trade the operation gives rise to an extremely unpleasant odour when steam from the apparatus is discharged into the air at intervals and several complaints have been received in consequence since the factory commenced operations. As a result a request was made to the Manager to attend before the Health Committee to discuss the matter. At the interview the Manager assured the Committee that his firm were anxious to avoid causing annoyance and that a firm of commercial chemists were experimenting with a masking agent with a view to minimising any objectionable odour caused by the processing. This matter is being kept under close observation.

8. Summary

Appendix "B" summarises public health inspections and visits (other than those in connection with housing) carried out during the year.

SECTION VIHOUSING

1. The following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year.

(a) Inspections of dwelling-houses for housing defects	...	141
(b) Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation	...	31
(c) Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense	...	4
(d) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied by informal action	...	27
(e) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	...	Nil
(f) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	...	2
(g) Number of houses demolished by formal action	...	14
(h) Number of houses closed under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	...	5
(i) Number of new houses erected by Local Authority	...	42
(j) Number of new houses erected by Private Enterprise	...	26

The following statement shows various types of nuisances and housing defects dealt with:-

	DEFECTS	VISITS & REVISITS
Leaking & Defective roofs	6	13
Defective eaves gutterings	3	3
Damp & Defective walls	9	24
Defective ceilings	9	22
Defective floors	2	5
Defective doors & windows	7	6
Defective chimneys	3	4
Defective coppers, stoves & fireplaces	1	2
Defective drains	13	27
Blocked drains	24	53
Cesspools full	1	2
Defective W.C. cisterns	2	4
Defective W.C. pans	1	2
Defective sinks & sink wastepipes	1	2
Deposit or refuse	2	4
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	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>84</u>
		<u>173</u>

3. Unfit Houses

During the year no clearance areas were dealt with. Representations were made in respect of four houses.

Application for improvement grants

Applications were received for improvement grants as follows:-

Application for improvements

<u>Received</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grant</u>
26	26	£7,146	£3,300

4. Provision of Houses

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since the end of the war.

Year	<u>Council Houses</u>		Police Houses	Private Enterprise	Total
	Temporary	Permanent			
1946	50	-	-	1	51
1947	-	18	-	5	23
1948	-	53	-	10	63
1949	-	71	5	10	86
1950	-	61	-	11	72
1951	-	80	2	8	90
1952	-	66	-	7	73
1953	-	60	-	10	70
1954	-	72	5	3	80
1955	-	80	-	8	88
1956	-	52	-	5	57
1957	-	62	-	24	86
1958	-	42	-	26	68
Totals	50	717	12	128	907

SECTION VIIFACTORY ADMINISTRATION

1. (i) Number of Factories on Register:-

(a) Factories with mechanical power	81
(b) Factories without mechanical power	<u>27</u>
Total		<u>108</u>

(ii) Number of Inspections:-

(a) Factories with mechanical power	51
(b) Factories without mechanical power	<u>15</u>
Total		<u>66</u>

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	1	-	1
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	2	-	2
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	3	-	4

SECTION VIIIFAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the Area of the Port which for sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz. (a) The Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) The Western Section (Milton Creek)

Section I - Staff

No change

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the district during the year

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease aboard
			M.O.H.	P.H.I.	
(i) <u>Eastern Section</u>					
(a) Coastwise	10	979	Nil	3	Nil
(b) Foreign	25	2,531	Nil	3	Nil
(c) Lighters & Barges	424	21,200	Nil	1	Nil
(ii) <u>Western Section</u>					
(a) Coastwise	453	53,072	Nil	8	Nil
(b) Foreign	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Lighters & Barges	117	12,923	Nil	5	Nil
Totals	1,029	90,705	Nil	20	Nil

Section III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

- (i) Passenger traffic ... Nil
(ii) Cargo Traffic

Section III - Continued(a) Eastern Section

Principal Imports	...	Petrol, Crude Oil, Grain, Timber and Fertilizers.
Principal Exports	...	Nil

(b) Western Section

Principal Imports	...	Gypsum stone, Coal China Clay, Timber, Ballast, Sand, Beans, Pulp and Tomato puree.
Principal Exports	...	Cement and Paper

(iii) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive

(a) Eastern Section

Castwise	...	Thames Estuary
Foreign	...	Rotterdam, Antwerp Hamburg

(b) Western Section

Coastwise	...	London & Rochester
Foreign	...	Nil

Section IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Nil

Section V - Water Supply

No change

Section VI - Public Health (Ships Regulations) 1952

No change

Section VII - Smallpox

No change

Section VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other Infectious Diseases
dealt with during the year

Nil

Section X - Malaria

Nil

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or
suspected for Plague

Nil

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from
Foreign Ports

Nil

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations

No change

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons
who have died on board from infectious disease

No change

APPENDIA "A"Readings recorded at the Borough Sewerage Works

Month	Rainfall (inches)		Temperature (degrees)			
	1958	1957	Maximum		Minimum	
			1958	1957	1958	1957
January	2.34	1.61	52	54	17	27
February	2.72	3.06	56	55	26	26
March	1.57	.99	60	63	21	27
April	1.6	.34	73	69	29	31
May	1.88	1.21	71	71	32	33
June	4.97	1.29	82	93	39	36
July	1.81	3.42	83	90	45	47
August	3.3	1.89	82	76	46	44
September	2.46	2.58	82	73	46	36
October	3.19	.95	67	66	32	31
November	1.77	3.59	56	54	26	23
December	3.25	2.15	55	59	28	19
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TOTAL	31.58	23.08				

APPENDIX "B"Particulars of Sanitary Inspections and Visits

Infectious Disease and Disinfections	...	4
Slaughterhouse	...	509
Butchers' Shops	...	117
Grocers' Shops	...	91
Dairies	...	12
Fish Shops	...	60
Fish Frying Establishments	...	14
Bakers & Confectioners	...	24
Food Preparing Premises	...	97
Ice-Cream Shops	...	35
Fruit & Vegetable Shops	...	12
Factories	...	47
Rats and Mice	...	630
Verminous Premises	...	<u>3</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,655</u>